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Sustainable Development of Agriculture
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the bottlenecks in sustainable development of agriculture in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is a disparity amongst the States in the agricultural development and growth and if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): The major bottlenecks affecting sustainable development of agriculture in the country are; widespread land degradation, over-exploitation of ground water resources, impaired soil health, contamination of soil and water resources, abiotic stresses, spatial and temporal variability of monsoon rainfall resulting in drought and flood etc.

(b): Yes, Madam. The growth rate in agriculture sector varies across the states due to various factors like extent of small & marginal farmers, agro climatic conditions, adoption of appropriate agronomic practices suitable to various crops being cultivated, different level of mechanization, access to credit, availability of natural resources, facilities for irrigation and other infrastructure etc.

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